

Senate Resolution 437

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Lottie Cotton; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lottie Cotton was one of the first female police officers hired by the
3 Columbus Police Department in 1961; and

4 WHEREAS, during her five and one-half years of service for the Department nearly 50 years
5 ago, Mrs. Cotton patrolled her beat in a skirt, heels, and a hat, keeping the streets of
6 Columbus safe for residents and visitors; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cotton's ground-breaking devotion and commitment to the betterment of
8 her community and protection of its citizens was recognized recently by the Columbus Police
9 Department; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cotton was united in love and marriage to the late Adren B. Cotton and
11 has been blessed with six children, 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and five
12 great-great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she has demonstrated have provided
14 the foundation and framework of success in which all of her family members have developed
15 and flourished; and

16 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
17 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens and she possesses the vast wisdom
18 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
19 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cotton is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
21 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she has made
22 of her life, she makes this world a better place in which to live.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend Mrs. Lottie Cotton for her effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service;
25 recognize her important bravery in serving as a trailblazer for all women in uniform; and
26 extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Lottie Cotton.